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ABSTRACT

Notes are indispensable to serials cataloging. Researchers, reference librarians, and catalogers regularly use notes on catalog records and, as the audience for these notes has expanded from the local library community to the global Internet community, the need for notes to be cogent, clear, and useful is greater than ever. This book is a selective compilation of actual notes, to be used as examples in constructing notes in serial bibliographic records. The notes were taken from the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) online union catalog and from the "CONSER Editing Guide," 1994 edition. Examples are both of a generic variety (those that can be applied to many serials) and of a more complex variety that deal with unusual situations. The book is designed to help experienced and novice serial catalogers describe the complex characteristics and relationships of serial publications and to produce clear, concise notes. The book is arranged in MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging) field order and within some fields by topical subdivision. Definitions and scope notes for each field are provided from "OCLC Bibliographic Formats and Standards," 2nd edition, and the "CONSER Editing Guide," 1994 edition. Since the first edition, tags and tagging practices have changed, format integration has produced new types of notes for serials, and the new world of electronic resources has necessitated a new world of electronic resource notes. Covers the 246 MARC field (i.e., varying form of title), and all 500 MARC fields (i.e., notes fields). Includes a list of 13 suggested readings and an index. (SWC)

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